Involving Foreign Countries for Release of Hostages

1853. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to involve the foreign countries to which the hostages kidnapped in July, 1995 belong and have a dialogue with Pakistan Government for their early release; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) In keeping with the policy of transparency, and with a view to getting their cooperation, close liaison, contact and interaction has been continuously maintained by the Government, with the representatives and diplomats of the countries whose nationals were abducted in Jammu and Kashmir in July, 1995. In this process efforts have also been made, through the diplomatic channels, to urge the Pakistan Government to help in securing the release of the hostages, since the headquarter of the group which is responsible for the abduction of the foreign nationals is based in and operates from that country.

जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अंतर्गत श्रम दिवसों का सृजन किया जाना

1854. **श्री राधवजी:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत वर्ष 1993-94 और 1994-95 की तुलना में वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान कम श्रम दिवसों का सृजन किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) सरकार भविष्य में अधिक श्रम दिवसों का सृजन करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चंद्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत निष्पादन निर्धारित लक्ष्यों के मुकाबले सृजित रोजगार के रूप में निगरानी करता है। 1993-94 के दौरान 98.80 प्रतिशत तथा 1994-95 के दौरान 96.47 प्रतिशत लक्ष्यों की तुलना में 1995-96 के दौरान 105.64 प्रतिशत श्रम दिनों का सृजन किया गया था।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Solar Thermal Technology Based Power Plants in Maharashtra

1855. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up power plants based on solar thermal technology in Maharashtra to meet the growing demand of power in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such plants have been set up in the State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Quota for Allotment of Land for LPG Showrooms and Godowns

1856. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether pursuant to the spirit of Clause 4 of article 16 of the Constitution any quota is reserved for allotment of land for LPG showrooms and godowns to holders of letters of intent for gas-dealership;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and